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Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Society of the Middle-Temple.



DREAD SOVERAIGN,

With hearts full of unspeakable Joy we presume to approach Your Royal presence, and with all our Souls bless Almighty GOD for the late wonderful Discovery of the hellish *Conspiracy* begun and carried on by *desperate Persons of Fanatical, Atheistical and Republican Principles*, who impudently assuming to themselves the Name of *True Protestants and Patriots*, did at first by Popular Insinuations and other Artifices, project the undermining the best Religion and Government in the World; and afterwards being therein prevented by Your Majesties unwearied Care and admirable Conduct, proceeded to contrive the *Horrid Paricide* of Your Sacred Person, the Barbarous Assassination of Your Royal Brother, the dear partaker of Your Sufferings, the involving these Nations in Blood and Confusion, and the utter destruction of this Monarchy.

As this Society has been Eminent for its Loyalty and early Tokens of Duty and Affection, particularly in their humble Thanks for Your Gracious Declaration, and their Abhorrence of the late *Accursed and Traiterous Association*, which we look upon to be a part of this *Damnable Conspiracy*, so we shall do our utmost to bring the *Villains* to Justice, especially those of this Society, who to our great Sorrow are in the number of the *Conspirators*.

And We do repeat our Solemn Protestations to stand by and Defend Your Sacred Majesty and lawfull Successors with our Lives and Fortunes, and beseech Almighty God to cover with Confusion the Faces of Your most secret Enemies, that *Divine Vengeance* may overtake such of the *Traitors* as by flight escape the Justice of *Humane Laws*, whose *Guilt* proclaims it self so loud, that they dare not trust even that *Mercy* of which they have had so long Experience. And as Providence did never so signalize it self on behalf of any Prince, as of Your Majesty, through the whole course of Your Reign, so may Heaven shower down and continue its best Blessings on the *best of Kings*, and be never weary of working new Miracles for Your Preservation.

John Bernard, Speaker.